Minutes October 10, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
October 10, 2019

The Regular Board Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Ackerman at 7:09 p.m. in the Library of the Old Turnpike School.

Mrs. Ackerman read the Sunshine Law:

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Tewksbury Township Board of Education has caused notice of the time and place of this meeting to be published in the Courier News, the Hunterdon Democrat, the Hunterdon Review and notice of the meeting has been posted in the Township Municipal Building, both school buildings and the Tewksbury Township Public Library.

The Board pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mrs. Ackerman, Dr. Deeney, Mrs. Frank (arrived 7:15), Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Larsen (arrived 8:23), Mr. Mulroony, Mrs. Pettegrove

ABSENT: Mrs. Carrino, Mr. Thorp

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Lori Tirone - Business Administrator, Dr. Jennifer Shouffler - Superintendent, Mrs. Megan Verderamo - Supervisor of Special Education Programs, Mr. Jim Miller - Principal

PRESENTATION: Mrs. Megan Verderamo presented the board with a Power Point presentation on NJSLA/PARCC 2019 Testing Results

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Students and teachers celebrated the Week of Respect by showing respect for others, the environment, themselves and by engaging in activities on these topics. Old Turnpike School would like to hold a First Responders Breakfast on October 28, 2019 as an extension of the Week of Respect activities. Dr. Shouffler and Mrs. Tirone attended QSAC training. The district will be audited on February 11, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CURRICULUM: The District Assessment calendar for 2019-2020 has been posted to the website. Dr. Shouffler would like to reduce some of the testing in grades 1 and 8. Several no-homework days will be

implemented for the 2019-2020 school year. The goal is to allow opportunities for students to re-charge during holiday breaks and to support the goal of social emotional learning.

POLICY: None.

FINANCE: Mrs. Tirone reported that during a pre-inspection of the buses, one of our large buses rolled backwards while in neutral and damaged a small bus. There were no injuries. It was suggested to purchase blocks for the buses. Mrs. Tirone also reported that 8th grade advisors have shared the information that the proceeds of the students participating in the magazine fundraiser have earned $4,367.00 to date.

Motion was made by Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Mrs. Ackerman to approve the following:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A-23A-16.10(c)(3), I certify that as of August 31, 2019, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district's Board of Education.

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Board Secretary Date

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

Motion to certify that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A-23A-16.10(c)(4), after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) for August 31, 2019, and upon proper consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A-23A-16.10(c)(4) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Accept the Board Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's Report for month ending August 31, 2019.

Approve the attached list of transfers.

Approve the transportation agreement between the Califon School District and the Tewksbury Township School District whereby Tewksbury will transport 13 Tewksbury school choice students residing in Califon at the cost of $1,000 per student.

Approve Acceptance of TEF Mini Grants:

a. For a Foldaway Jigsaw Puzzle Table and 4 Sit Well Adjustable Stools for the OTS Library in the amount of $429.95.
b. For 18 Ukuleles and 3 wall mount stands for 8th Grade General Music in the amount of $770.16.

Approve the following workshops for the 2019-2020 school year.

Staff Member	Date	Registration	Other Expenses	Event/Destination
Emmalee Hedlund	10/14/19	$40.00	-0-	Mentoring for Quality & Sustainability - Hackettstown, NJ
Jaime Levy	10/17/19	FREE	-0-	NJ State Bar Foundation Conference, New Brunswick, NJ

Megan Verderamo	10/21/19	FREE	-0-	Mental Health First Aid Training, Morristown, NJ

Mileage expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with school policy.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Leslie Ackerman, Angela Deeney, Paulette Frank, Erica Johnson, Lori Larsen, Kevin Mulroony, Cynthia Pettegrove
Absent: Jillian Carrino, Thomas Thorp

TECHNOLOGY: The new website template will be presented to the Board in December.

FACILITIES: The district has been approved by the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC) and now will be able to contract Tilcon for the driveway paving at Old Turnpike School. Pricing for pads for the sheds at OTS is being collected. The bus scraper has been installed at OTS. Quotes are being received for a new truck with a snow plow. Controls at OTS and TES are still being worked on. The OTS roof should be completed on October 14th. The new lunch line at OTS has been installed and works well. Renovations for the all purpose room at OTS are being reviewed for the future. Administration is waiting to hear from the Woman's Club and the Tewksbury Athletic Association about the donation of a scoreboard on the soccer field. The fiscal management indicators used to assess the school district and the facilities checklist required for QSAC were also discussed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Mrs. Ackerman to approve the following:

Approve the following organizations to use the school facilities through June 30, 2019. Documentation is available in the Board of Education office.

- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Hunterdon County YMCA
- Hunterdon Hustle Basketball
- Morris County Arts Workshop
- PTA
- TAA
- TES
- TEF
- Tewksbury Historical Society
- Voorhees Stars Inc.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Leslie Ackerman, Angela Deeney, Paulette Frank, Erica Johnson, Lori Larsen, Kevin Mulroony, Cynthia Pettegrove
Absent: Jillian Carrino, Thomas Thorp

COMMUNICATIONS: A board communication letter will be sent out next week to all families and as an insert in the next edition of the Tewksbury Times.

OTHER: Motion was made by Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Mrs. Larsen to approve the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve Sophie, a Therapy Dog from Therapy Dogs International (TDI), led by Betty Ann Dhein to assist students at TES with reading for the 2019-2020 School Year.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Leslie Ackerman, Angela Deeney, Paulette Frank, Erica Johnson, Lori Larsen, Kevin Mulroony, Cynthia Pettegrove
Absent: Jillian Carrino, Thomas Thorp

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

PERSONNEL: Motion was made by Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Mr. Mulroony to approve the following:

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve to hire Bethany Zgorzynski as a part time Speech and Language Specialist for the 2019-2020 school year beginning October 21, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at an annual salary of Step 2 MA $59,593 (pro-rated for 3 days per week), pending criminal history review. Bethany Zgorzynski is replacing Melissa Edwards.

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Bethany Zgorzynski, Speech and Language Specialist, to attend the Frontline IEP Training Session staff professional development on October 14, 2019 for up to 4 hours at her hourly rate Step 2 MA.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Dr. Deeney to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:03 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Tirone
Board Secretary